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Applicants note that Reference No. 4 is incorrectly listed as JP 011243293 on the International Search Report and should be listed as 01-124329.

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The relevance of Reference Nos. 1 and 2 is discussed in the English translation of the International Search Report attached hereto.

The relevance of Reference No. 5 is discussed in on page 1 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 6 is discussed in on page 1 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 7 is discussed in on pages 1 and 2 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

The relevance of Reference No. 8 is discussed in on page 2 of the substitute specification filed concurrently herewith.

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Applicants respectfully request that the cited references be made of record in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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